



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 1637  
Examiner: Suryaprabha Chunduru

In Re Application of:

Inventor(s) : Ellen M. Heath *et al.*  
Serial No. : 10/075,593  
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For : Improved Methods to Isolate DNA  
Attorney Docket No. : GSIM-P01-011

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE**

This is a response to the outstanding office action, dated July 15, 2003. A petition for a three month extension of time, up to and including January 15, 2004 accompanies this response.

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

Claims 1-7, 9-17, 19-28, 30-38, 40-49, 51-59, and 61-65 remain pending in this application. As per the Examiner's statement in the office action dated July 15, 2003, the typographical error in claim 2 is corrected, and the specification amended to capitalize the use of